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weekly whirligig

The three stood alone, apart from the crowd—two men and a maid. Convocation was over, and these three stood wordless on the library steps of the alma mater. The time was too full for more words. What could one say?

Matt shifted his 145 pounds of brawn from one foot to the other, and for the want of something to do, broke into a gay whistling. Yes, it was almost over. For four years he had waited for this moment, and now, when he should be happy, when he had earned the right to be proud, he was neither happy nor proud. It was a queer feeling, not wanting something which was his now that he had it in his hands.

Yoshio's usual flow of words failed him for once, as he gazed with studied interest at the lily-pond where he had taken a ducking four years ago, and he noticed with more than usual interest that the leaves of the water lilies floating in the water were waxen. Funny, he thought, that he had never noticed it before. And he noticed too, with the eyes of one who would never see beloved things again, that Kiyo's lips were tender and full, her voice like wind in the summer night. And suddenly Kiyo was indescribably dear to him, because she was a part of what in a few more hours would be a tender memory.

Kiyo stood with her red lips curved into a smile. And perhaps only Matt knew of the mingled feelings behind that gay, brave smile. She did not want to go, and yet she knew she must. She was no longer a part of the crowd. Already she felt herself alien to the curious group of student spectators. These girls' voices would re-echo through the corridors. These girls' feet would walk the paths she had loved. If ever she felt alone, she felt alone now.

Suddenly Matt spoke.

"Golly, Yosh, what are we gonna do now? What are you going to do?"

Yosh shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know. Try and get a job, I guess". As he spoke, he knew he lied, even as did Matt and Kiyo. There was no job for him, not the work he loved to do. Yosh knew that when he laid aside the black cap and gown he would have to don the clothes of a logger.

"Well, I guess I'll roam around for a while on my uncle's fish packer", said Matt in a cool, guarded voice. "There's money in it, and who knows, in time I'll get a chance at that Persian government offer". And even as he spoke, he knew that he lied. He knew as well as his two companions that a chance like that came to a graduate, a Japanese graduate, that is, only once in a lifetime. And Matt had been forced to give up the chance.

"Gee, Kiyo", continued Yosh, wistfully, "I'll bet in a year's time some handsome fellow with plenty of dough will sweep you right off your feet into saying 'I do'"!

"O-no, not me. I'm going to teach [illegible] perhaps not here, but maybe in Japan". And she hated herself for being a liar.

A silence fell upon the three lonely graduates. Yosh was the first to break it. "Gee, we've had a swell time, haven't we"? And this time there was no pretence, no undertone of affected casualness in his words, only a nostalgic tenderness—and the [illegible] of the three who stood upon

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On The Newsfront

JO KATO RECEIVES M.D. FROM UNIVERSITY OF ALTA.

EDMONTON, Alta.—Thirty-seven students, including four women, will receive Doctor of Medicine Degrees at the University of Alberta convocation services, May 19, Registrar A. E. Ottewell announced.

Among these is Jo Kato, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kato, 1234 West Sixth Avenue, in Vancouver.

REGISTRATION ON NORTH COAST POSTPONED

VANCOUVER.—The registration unit that was to have sailed for Prince Rupert May 1 will not leave until the middle of this month, it was learned today.

WAR SERVICES FUND GOES OVER THE TOP

VANCOUVER. — A preliminary audit of totals subscribed by the Japanese community in the War Services Fund Drive showed that the objective of $2000 had been surpassed by $200, which is being forwarded to the Campaign headquarters by the Canadian Japanese Association. The Japanese community actually thus subscribed $700 in excess of its quota, almost 47 per cent.

PARCEL POST REGULATIONS CONFIRMED BY OTTAWA

VANCOUVER. — A departmental memo received this week confirms the regulations covering the sending of goods to foreign countries, including Japan. These regulations were published last week in this newspaper.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HONOUR NEW GRADUATES

VANCOUVER. — The Japanese Alumni Association will be host to new graduates of U.B.C. at supper at the New Pier Cafe, Tuesday evening, May 6, at 6:30 p.m., President Dr. E. C. Banno announced. Members and friends are asked to make reservations with Dr. Banno or The New Canadian.

New Budget Strikes Hard

VANCOUVER.—Reaction of the Japanese community this week to the new budget was not far different from that characteristic of the whole community—"a wry grin and a fatalistic shrug of the shoulders." Observers pointed out, however, that the new taxes would come as a culminating blow to the economic structure of the community, already suffering acutely because many important pre-war channels of trade are blocked up.

Particularly is this true, they pointed out, of a large number of agricultural producers and, of local retail and wholesale merchants, whose trade in Japanese products has been seriously curtailed.

For the Nisei wage-earner boosts in national defence tax and income tax will take effect largely through additional deductions from pay cheeks. Lumber camp workers, sawmill and pulp mill workers will be affected, since the maximum tax exempt income for single men is quite low.

The same situation applies in the case of white collar workers, professional and business men, who have not yet attained a marital state.

Increases in the bare cost of living will affect everyone, as will the increases in cost of motion picture entertainment. The flow of funds to the race tracks, however, may be decreased as a result of the new 5 per cent tax.

UBC Nisei Excluded From C.O.T.C. Camp

Applications of second generation Japanese students at the University of B. C. to complete their military courses by practical training in camps have not been accepted, it was learned this week, when the Canadian Officers Training Corps was called up for two weeks in camp.

Applications made by Nisei students enlisted in the Corps to carry on with their training leading to a sub-lieutenancy were rejected, although it is believed that these students had qualified to enter the camp. No reasons were stated to explain their disqualification.

It was understood too that applications from basic trainees had been similarly rejected by military authorities, who apparently, are following the policy of excluding Canadian - born Orientals very strictly.

Strathcona School Holds Doll Festival In Aid Of British Bundles Service

It's a far cry from a parade of dolls from 41 different nations to the bomb-desolated cities of Great Britain. But the Strathcona Public School, aptly described as the most unique in Canada, will bring the two very close together when on May 7-8, pupils and teachers will present a colorful display of dolls to raise funds for the purchase of "British Bundles."

School children of each racial group will bring their own dolls for the festival, while two famous city collections are being specially loaned for the event.

A special appeal is being sent out to anyone possessing a novel or quaint doll or one of unusual interest which would add to the display. They are asked to communicate with Principal Paterson at the school or Principal T. Sato at the Alexander School, immediately.

Tea will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. by little girls dressed in their national costume, and admission charge for the event is 25c.

This display is an extension of the patriotic work being conducted in the school. The children are being taught first aid, knitting and bandage rolling. They carry on campaigns for the salvage of waste material and war savings stamps.

Language School Question

Aldermen Discuss Health, Textbooks

VANCOUVER, May 2.—Undertakings that the Japanese Language Schools would permit the use of text books only after objectionable features have been removed, and that they would attempt to set up medical and dental inspection to guard the health of pupils were given by Principal T. Sato to the special city council committee this morning.

Chairman Ald. Charles Jones said that he felt the schools were going a long way towards meeting the views of the committee.

A delegation including Principal Sato, Dr. M. Uchida, Dr. H. Shimokura, Dr. E. C. Banno, Kunio Shimizu and Thomas Shoyama were heard in representations before the committee.

Health of Pupils.

Dr. Uchida, testifying in regard to the health report submitted two weeks ago said that while strain is present, it is watched and when it weighs too heavily upon children they are advised not to attend the schools. He stressed that symptoms of fatigue and irritable heart action are also due to many other contributing factors, which evidence Medical Health Officer Dr. Stuart Murray corroborated.

Ald. Jones stressed that he was opposed to any attempt to single out Japanese schools for discriminatory treatment different from that accorded other similar schools.

Annual Graduation Banquet

'Challenge Confronts You -- Consecrate Self To It ...'

"A tremendous responsibility rests on your generation—because on your generation the Japanese in Canada will be judged. On that judgment rests the question whether the present situation will work out smoothly and happily, or whether it will continue unhappily for years to come.

Such was the "very real and serious challenge" which Prof. H. F. Angus urged Nisei students to consecrate themselves to, when some 90 graduates, undergraduates, parents and friends, gathered in the mellow atmosphere of the Brock Memorial Hall, Wednesday night, to honour the class of '41.

Nisei public rights, Prof. Angus felt, would be granted in the course of time, since racial disqualification is contrary to the political trend of every Canadian province and American state.

Extending congratulations to the graduating class and their parents, Dean J. N. Finlayson representing the University, complimented the class upon its academic, social and athletic achievements during the year. He hoped that the increase in the numebr of Japanese students would continue and that "their quality would continue as well."

Consul Impresses

Impressing the audience with his mastery of the English language, the new Japanese consul, Ichiro Kawasaki, frankly deplored the handicaps placed upon the Nisei because of their racial descent.

He told of how he had studied in England and had come to admire the fine qualitics of the British people. These he felt had become Canadian qualities, and hence Nisei qualities as well.

The Nisei, he declared, were Canadian to the core, but were not accepted as such. He urged them not to submit fatalistically to inferior employment, but to make use of their education and inheritance to overcome obstacles of racial prejudice.

Sweet Girl Grad.

Peter Yamada proposed the toast to the graduating class, and Miss Kiyoshi Kato, only co-ed in the class, responded.

Prof. E. H. Morrow, head of the Department of Commerce; Dean F. M. Clement, of the Faculty of Agriculture, and Dr. M. Miyazaki also spoke briefly. Other head table guests included Mrs. J. N. Finlayson, Mrs. E. H. Morrow, Mrs. M. Miyazaki, Rev. K. Shimizu and Mr. B. Hisaoka.

Hajime Kagetsu, new J. S. C. president, was the capable and comical toastmaster.

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The Budget And Us

Finance Minister Ilsley's new budget comes at this time as an additional blow to the economic structure of Japanese communities scattered throughout the province.

A loss of vital markets for primary products, an almost complete stoppage of trans-Pacific trade, and continued ill-feeling against the employment of Japanese Canadians already lie at the root of serious difficulties. Now we have increased costs of living, rising prices of both staples and semi-luxuries, and sharp jumps in direct taxation which bear down on every individual without regard to racial origin. Fortunately, however, the new budget does not hit any particular group in the community beyond all proportion to the general rule.

It is quite true, however, that the burdens of a whole range of increased taxation will weigh more heavily upon the Japanese public, for the simple reason that we have seen little increase in our ability to pay. Mr. Ilsley is relying upon a $950,000,000 increase in the national income to absorb the main impact of the new taxation. Unfortunately, the Japanese Canadian public will see but a relatively small portion of that increase. In no way does the Japanese community receive direct benefits from the war boom. It is only indirectly and through very devious channels that a part of this increase in the national income will flow into the pockets of Japanese Canadians, who, in the meantime, must pay out larger and larger sum.

For this reason there is a need for members of the community to be alert to every opportunity directly or indirectly to share in this rise in the national income. Unless we do so, we shall find that between lower or stationary income and higher expenditure, the burdens of the war will continue to grow more and more difficult, throwing additional strain upon economic foundations that are far from strong.

Reconsideration Needed

On the whole the Japanese community has accepted as unavoidable and understandable the policy of military authorities to exclude Canadian-born Japanese from compulsory military training. A new and disturbing angle to the question, however, has arisen in regard to University of British Columbia students, who for the past seven months have been enrolled in the Officers Training Corps.

The completion of the course leading to a sub-lieutenantcy require practical training for at least two weeks in a military camp. Applications by qualified Nisei students, members of the Corps, for this training, have not been accepted.

Whether the University or Military District authorities are responsible for this attitude, it is not known. But there is definitely an element of the incongruous, which the community cannot but take with poor grace. If the students were required during the year to spend several hours each week in a study of military technique, and were invited to attend practical demonstrations, it is certainly not logical or reasonable now to prevent them, because of their race, from bringing that study to some form of successful conclusion. If admission to training camps was to be denied to them, then it was a senseless thing to ask them to fritter away precious time, following only a blind alley.

To the community or to the country generally, it is a small matter. But it was the well-known straw that broke the camel's back, and we have here simply another instance of how a misguided policy is tending to alienate, rather than to secure support for the war effort. It goes without saying that any such policy today is in immediate need of more serious and broad consideration.

»« Confetti »«

BY SUE SADA

Note for serious thought: English mothers have entrusted their children to friends and relatives on this side of the Atlantic. They, the children, one day will return to their native towns and hamlets — exiles returned. What will they find in a land they are too young to remember clearly? What will their birth-place find in them; these grown-up sons and daughters with Canadian or American accents? Will these once-evacuees yearn for the American shores, where they found safe-haven?

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The Chinese Lion has gone again on its mercy rounds. Into its snapping mouth have gone more and more dollars for the Chinese Benevolent Society War Fund. As most Chinese here originally came from the South China districts, they say with truth they are worried about their relatives.

It may sound funny to some Canadians who won't admit that Japanese here have any right to an interest in the Far Eastern war zone, but there are among us those who have relatives — brother-in-law, cousins, uncles—who have lost their lives on the battle front. These same relatives may have been the sole breadwinners for their families. But it is surely a big jump from a very keen concern casualty lists posted in Tokyo to a conclusion that we are therefore spies and fifth columnists.

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Some of us argue too coldly and too detachedly about international affairs. We sit on the fence and argue down both the hot-eyed avenger, and the enthusiastic patriot without an argumentative brain. Konrad Bercovici has condemned American laxity concerning their South American contacts, and says that some have gone to the other extreme in broadmindedness, toppling over backwards in making a case out for anti-Americanism south of the Panama. Granted that de[mo]cracy is th etruest liberty there should be a limit to how much we expose ourselves to an enemy.

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A chesty little swallow appeared on the clothesline. Asked why his chest stuck out so far, he twittered: "Our nest is finished, and a family is in the offing!

The birds are supremely indifferent to man's squabbles.

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TRAIN WHISTLE

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The sound drops heavily
Into the still black pool of night
And splashes high,
While round and round the silence
trembles
And shudders away from it.

R. E. B.

The New Nation-Builders

THE small minorities and the unwanted peoples of America who in years have been the scapegoat of alarmists and propagandists once more move into the limelight, for a new kind of propagandist has placed them before the American public. But this time, these people are not presented as something to be "kicked around" but as human beings with the capacity to love and hate, hope and despair.

The new propagandists are Richard Wright, William Saroyan, Louis Adamic, John Fante, and a host of lesser writers like Toshio Mori. They form a small group but one whose names are well known to the reading public as artists whose pens are dipped in the blood of their people of whom they write with such rare sympathy, sincerity and insight.

Only a negro could have written *Native Son*, and only one such as Richard Wright, born on a Mississippi plantation to a mill worker and a school teacher, running away from home at the age of 15, "bumming" his way all over the country, seeing and experiencing the life of a young, born, black, and finally hanging his hat in the editorial room of the Harlem Branch of a New York Newspaper.

Superficially, *Native Son* is a crime story of a cowardly, hulking Negro adolescent, whose acts of brutal violence lead him to the electric chair. But as one turns the pages, he will find that the crime story broadens into a human tragedy, for underlying the story of Biggar Thomas is the story of the whole negro race in the United States, maladjusted, unemployed, conditioned by fear and hatred. For the story of Biggar is "the familiar pattern of the thwarted, rebellious adolescent, but a pattern made immutable by the fact that Biggar's skin is black". There is a gulf which separates black from white. In the words of Biggar himself:

"Every time I think about it, I feel like somebody's poking a red hot iron down my throat. Goddamit, look! We live here and they live there. We black and they white. They got things and we ain't. They do things and we can't. It's just like living in jail. Half the time I feel like I'm on the outside of the world peeping through a knot-hole in the fence."

True, taken from the technical point of view, the novel falls short more than once of artistic perfection. It is guilty of sensationalism, of reliance on Gothic effects, of stress on brutality, of reasoning which at times seems beyond the mind of such a character as Biggar Thomas, but these faults fall into insignificance before the overwhelming sincerity of the author himself as he brings home to his readers the dangerous possibilities in the Negro situation as it exists today.

The story is a challenge to thinking people of the dangerous status of the black man in America, told by a realist in utter frankness and with sympathetic insight.

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UNLIKE Richard Wright's novel which is a psychological document, William Saroyan's *My Name is Aram* is a series of extemporaneous remarks centred around the boyhood of an Armenian lad, transplanted to California in the years between 1915 and 1925.

Behind the figure of Aram, a full-blooded, two-fisted little roughneck, whose adventures are related in sixteen little sketches, some beautiful, some fair, some exceedingly bad—but all told with a naive blending of spirituality and realistic cynicism, is the picture of a pioneer generation of American born, whose roots are American, but whose traditional background is the solid Armenian set of values—a picture of a new American, ever puzzling to his old world parents, and differing physically from his American brethren.

And Saroyan, an Armenian immigrant himself, in his inimitable manner, brings home to his readers the fact that in America, there are many little Arams, growing up in a "lopsided environment", making adjustments at times pathetic, at times humorous, at times ludicrous, at times courageous, but growing up somehow, into Americans as staunch as any American in the land.

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LOUIS ADAMIC, an American of Yugo-Slavian origin, is a writer who does not restrict himself to people of his own racial origin alone. His large volume entitled *From Many Lands*, is a series of penetrating studies of personal philosophies and individual problems of strangers within America's gates, told with warmth and tenderness, sympathy and insight.

In the past year, he has acted as editor for *Common Ground*, a quarterly magazine whose pages are dedicated to phases of immigrant life in the United States.

Louis Adamic writes with a definite aim—to make Americans conscious of the richness of foreign strains—strains and cultural patterns which can make or break America. "And the ultimate end, he states, is in America's own hands."

John Fante, an Italian American, has spoken for the Italian in *Dago Red*, while Toshio Mori, in his magazine articles has portrayed cross sections of American Nisei life.

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"THE pen is mightier than the sword". These writers, Wright, Saroyan, Adamic, Fante and Mori, in making articulate the feelings and thoughts of inarticulate people, are voicing what is evident to thinking people today—that "this century will mark either the end of America as a nation or her emergence as a true and great culture"—depending on her attitude to those strangers within her gates.

Any girl can be gay in a classy coupe;
In a taxi they can all be jolly;
But the girl worth while
Is the one who can smile
When you're taking her home in a trolley.

Femme Fare ...

By CINDERELLA

Remember When . . .

The saddest words in the English language may be "It might have been", but the happiest are the words "Remember when", for they deal with those experiences which have come and gone, those experiences which with the years, have lost their sharp angles and their excruciating pains.

Remember when we sneaked away to a cave near the sea to try our hand at smoking cigarettes? Remember when we "snitched" green apples and smothered them with salt . . . and the long, painful aftermath in bed? Remember when we got our first pair of long pants, our first pair of silk stockings? Remember when some one told us that we were cute or nice or clever? Remember whn we carried our team to victory?

"Remember when" is more than mellowness of memory. They are words spoken when the sum total of our experiences have undergone a selective process—a selective process which only the passage of time can bring. It is only when we look back, from where we are now, at what was both joy and pain, that we truly appreciate the full value of our experiences.

Yes, "Remember when" are the happiest words in any language!

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O to Be a Child Again!

O to be a child again! We, in our practical, everyday world, busy with stretching pennies, grasping for shekels, forget to see with all our senses. Little children live in a larger, richer world than ours, receiving and giving, in tune with the world about them.

A group of children were asked to name the loveliest things they knew, persons not counted. The loveliest things to them were:

The scrunch of dry leaves when you walk through them . . .

Cool wind on a hot day . . .
The feel of clean clothes . . .
Climbing up hill and looking down
Our dog's eyes . . .
Street lights on the river . . .
The smell of rain . . .
An organ playing . . .
Smoke rising . . .
Rain on your cheeks . . .
The smell of new-mown hay . . .
The moon in clouds . . .
The feel of running . . .
Looking into deep clean water . . .
The taste of strawberries . . .
A swallow flying . . .
Water being cut at the bow of a boat . . .
A mounted policeman's horse . . .
An express train rushing by . . .
A builder's crane lifting something heavy . . .
The feel of a dive . . .
A thrush singing . . .

Children are wealthier than we are. Life is laughter and the world is wonderful, full of the lovely things like these. O, to be a child again!

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Some Definitions.

The greatest diplomat is one who can say "no" and make you like it.

Charm is that quality which permits the maitre de' hotel at the Ritz in Paris to seat you at an out-of-the-way table in a draught with such a manner that you feel like an important personage.

Not bad, are they, from a notable exponent of charm! But I've got two better definitions — my brand, of course. Want to hear 'em.

The greater-than-greatest diplomat is one who can say "yes" and pretend that one really means "yes".

Charm is that quality in the appearance of a box usually beribboned and tagged with enchanting little stickers from the five-and-ten, which permits a sender of the gift to elicit $5.00 worth of thanks for a 75c article, and keep you still feeling grateful.

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Nisei . . . You Should Know

By STAFF WRITER

● *With this issue we are pleased to present the first in a new series of thumbnail sketches and otherwise of the second generation aimed at bringing some of our more outstanding Nisei a little closer to your doorstep.*

AROUND Vancouver's Niseiville, he's taken for granted as just one of the fellows. Probably because that's what he actually is in real life, natural, genuine—a home-town boy with a dislike for anything that smacks of slackness or a stuffed shirt.

The flash of his white teeth, the broad grin that breaks out into a laugh and a snort, the gleam in his eye—they're just indications of his own zest for living, for he's one of the most energetic Niseis in these parts. Unbounded energy, plus the co-ordination of a born athlete, plus a natural flair for organization have made him a leading sports figure in our Lil' Tokyo. Add to the athlete and organizer an astonishing keenness in sizing up a situation, sharp business acumen, and a genuine sensitivity to emotional art—and you have the key as to why Yoshio "Mat" Matsui is one of our most outstanding Nisei.

Yoshio "Mat" Matsui

". . . eye, tongue, sword"

He's the product of the Nihonmachi, pure and simple. He calls Powell Street home, and confesses to a nostalgic weakness for it whenever returning after a journey away from it all. He was born here, grew up here, went to school here. A Strathcona old boy, a Tech grad, and one of the Alexander School's most famous alumni. He's been in business here too for nine years, although he's still years short of thirty, and so deeply are his roots implanted here that he'll probably watch the third generation grow to manhood along these same streets.

It was in the depression's lowest ebb in 1932 that "Mat" left school to take on the heavy job of filling his father's shoes as the breadwinner of the family. But he put into that job a grim stubborness and a rugged determination to see it through. That stubborness and determination is at once his greatest virtue and his greatest vice, but after nine years of steady plugging, his famous Tammy Bicycle Shop, plus its recently-established Kitsilano branch, is recognized not only as one of the four leading C.C.M. shops in the city, but also as a Nisei institution. And "Mat" himself is known as a very capable Nisei business man.

THAT same tireless energy in business is characteristic of "Mat" in social activities, especially in the competitive sports world. And more often than not, he's been in there doing the job, so other people can benefit by it and win the glory.

Rugby was the first sport he took up seriously, and there, significantly, he was found pushing away for dear life in the scrum, taking the hard knocks and dishing them out for the game's sake. His "greatest thrill" he says wasn't a stirring victory; in fact it was the memory of how the Nippons, battling all the way against a vastly superior team, went down to a 30-0 defeat before the 1937 University of B. C. "wonder team".

The same fighting spirit is characteristic of his play in other sports, especially in tennis and badminton. In both of these he is perhaps the most important single figure, not because he's a champ, but because he keeps things going so there can be a champ. Always a dangerous contender for highest honours, he very rarely gets there, although in badminton his southpaw smashes have carried him to B. C. Nisei Open Doubles title twice in six years. Most important, since 1935 he's been the driving force in organizing tournament after tournament, and league after league, so that today the sports writers just dub him the "Badminton Czar".

In tennis, too, although no champion, he's always in there near the top. But he concentrates more on organizing the game for others to play, rather than playing himself. Today, the Nippon Tennis Club, after almost collapsing on its feet a bare three years ago, is riding an all-time high in membership, with the same "Mat" Matsui the driving force and shaper of policy in the capacity of secretary-treasurer.

To "Mat" a game is a game, but it's also a serious affair. You should be in there playing your very best, no matter what the odds or conditions. And never give up. That's his credo, and he'll blow up on the court at any slacker who doesn't give his best. He values competitive sport, too, as one of the best ways to further closer and more intimate relations between the Nisei and their fellow-Canadians, and has been instrumental in fostering Nisei participation in established community leagues.

BUT "Mat" isn't merely a muscle-bound athlete, with all his brains in his biceps. His interests go further than that, and the Gakuyukai, the graduate society of the Alexander School, has received the full benefits of his ability, and especially of his work behind the scenes. He has held

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By T. M. K.

THERE is something incongruous in the picture of a Nazi flag flying above the Athenian Acropolis. Yet the thought is frightening.

In ancient times, neither Darius nor Xerxes managed to subdue the Greeks, much less fly the Persian banner from any Athenian square. In those days the Greek people had much less military training than the mercenary soldiers of the Persian satraps. Except for the Spartans, they preferred the pursuit of culture to the arts of war. For centuries after, the battle of Marathon was an inspiring victory of a democracy over a tryanny. Now Tryanny presides over the shades of Themistocles, Miltiades, over Leonidas and this three hundred who died at Thermopylae.

Hitler, for the moment, has put his mark on the ancient glories of Greece. The modern descendants of Socrates and Pericles have thrown in their hand before the crushing juggernaut of the panzer divisions. Who can blame them? They stand helpless now, but continued tyranny has a way of fostering inevitable revolts, and we can expect that a people long used to freedom will cherish its rebirth.

There have been wholesale conquerors in the past, of one color and another, but they have always passed away. In the pre-Christian era, Julius Caesar ruled the world of his day with his Roman Legions. Napoleon, out of a misguided ambition, tried to rule more than he could manage. Caesar was assassinated, Napoleon defeated. What will happen to Hitler is beyond anyone's guess, but he too must someday answer for his life.

This Austrian paperhanger seems supreme on the European continent, with his fingers and toes in every conquered pie, and the forces of democracy slowly prepare for the Battle of the Centuries with a ruthless power. How long, how far will the panzer divisions roll? How much longer will Hitler's henchmen be the destructive termites in an unsuspecting country?

An ocean away an beleaguered island is unveiling its "unconquerable soul" from beneath the debris of a crumbling era. Who can watch with undimmed eyes the unbreakable spirit of the common man, be he North country man, a southerner, rich or poor, British or Greek?

Though governments take flight and armies lay down their arms, a people does not surrender.

Let the swastika desecrate the Acropolis now. The Greeks will drag it down when the time comes!

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REMEMBERED MOONLIGHT

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Can they remember moonlight, how it lay
 A glittering carpet on the meanest stair,
Turning the sooty rooftops and the grey
 Thames to a silver ribbon spun of air?
A marble city out of some lost land
 Rose on the edge of evening, domed and white,
Told in a tale of Tyre or Samarkand—
 All in the passing of a single night.

And there were those who, under that old spell,
Walked in a world apart, whose hands would meet
In the half shadows of some leafy park,
Heedless of what the future might foretell
Of moonlight clearly mapping every street,
And frightened people praying for the dark!

—*Leslie Nelson Jennings.*

Satoshi Nakamura Scores Triumph In First Recital In Japan

TOKYO.—A very enthusiastic audience, including a large number of Canadian Nisei, paid hearty tribute to Satoshi Nakamura, when the well-known Vancouver-born baritone was heard in his first recital in Japan on April 15 at the Nippon Seinenkan.

Assisting Mr. Nakamura in his recital was Miss Aiko Saita, similarly well-known in Canadian circles as an outstanding contralto. Miss Hideko Togi was the piano accompanist.

Writing in the Japan Times and Advertiser, music critic I. J. Fisher is most complimentary to the Nisei baritone on the success of his first recital.

"The baritone surprised with the splendid depth and bass quality of his voice. . . .

". . . without question he has very fine possibilities, possesses musical sense and in many of the numbers such as the Lully, Brahms and the "Two Grenadiers", he displayed much feeling and an understanding of interpretation. There is a need for more emotional colouring which will come only through further study and concert experience. He has good stage presence and a pleasing personality, and the enthusiastic audience simply demanded and received encores."

Mr. Nakamura's program was as follows:

I.
a. Bois Epais .... Lully
b. Star Vicino .... Rosa
c. Honour and Arms .... Handel

II.
a. Geheimes .... Schubert
b. Die Lotosblume .... Schuman
c. Minnelied .... Brahms
d. Die Beiden Grenadiere Schuman

III.
a. "Avant de quitter Ces Lieux" .... Gounod

IV.
Selections by Miss Saita

V.
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Nisei Players Please

The Nisei Players added one more successful studio night to their club's history of public appearances on Thursday, May 1, at Carleton Clay's Studio, when their spring programme, featuring both comedy and drama, was well received by a small but appreciative audience.

"Gas, Air and Earl", the first play presented, dealt with the efforts of an ambitious mother to capture an incognito earl as a son-in-law. Although the actors showed signs of nervousness at the beginning, as the play progressed, they warmed to their roles, giving a highly capable performance.

"Another Beginning", a comedy of young love, was most enthusiastically received. There was a polish in this play which the other two lacked.

"The Rescue", the most serious play, was surprisingly well enacted. A great deal of credit goes to the players in this drama for creating and sustaining the atmosphere called for in the psychological play.

Calgary Niseis Vote Monetary Support To War Effort

By Ex-CALGARIAN

CALGARY, Alta.—Niseis of Calgary, joining with many other groups of Japanese Canadians in aiding Canada's war effort, recently forwarded the sum of $54.65 to the Receiver General of Canada and the Canadian War Services Fund.

This sum represents the balance of the funds of the Calgary Japanese Youth Association, which voted itself out of existence some time ago, since so many of the members had gone their separate ways.

The Association started with a membership of sixteen Niseis almost three years ago under the able leadership of Leo Tanouye. Though boasting only a small membership, various and numerous activities were undertaken, such as parties, picnics and a club paper. After a successful first year, however, membership fell off, owing to the fact that so many left Calgary.

Japan, Dawson City, Ocean Falls, Vancouver, Drumheller, Lethbridge, Regina—all these have claimed different members, but each of us will always retain vivid memories of happy times together.

Recently the remaining members voted to hand over the balance of the treasury in support of the war. At the same time it was decided to send a comfort bag to Sergeant Walter Nishikawa, now serving overseas in His Majesty's Forces.

Attic Players Enter In Drama Festival

The Attic Players will again present "The Rescue", a gripping psychological drama, and their delightful comedy "Another Beginning", when they meet for competition with seventeen other local groups at the Vancouver Drama Festival to be held at Kitsilano High School, May 9 to 17, in aid of the Canadian Red Cross. This event is being sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, an organization of young business and professional women, whose international office has presented a beautiful rose bowl as the grand challenge trophy of the festival.

In addition to this, eight challenge cups have been donated.

Other competing groups include the Companion Players, Dale Drama Groups, Sheridan Players, School of the Spoken Word, G. V. Young People's Union, Carnarvon Players, Grandview Self-Help, Templeton Junior High School, Vancouver College, Dayde Harvey Rutherford Players and the Sons of Scotland.

Smooth Price Settlement Expected As Govt. Moves To Acquire Fish Pack

Belief that price negotiations between canning interests and fishermen's organizations in the province will be settled quietly and amicably this year was evident this week, following the visit of Dr. D. B. Finn, deputy minister of fisheries.

Dr. Finn's visit, it was said, was for the purpose of seeking an increase in the salmon pack, as well as to investigate the possibility of the Dominion Government purchasing the entire B. C. salmon pack.

Following a conference between canners and major fishermen's organizations, including the Amalgamated Fishermen of B. C., the Japanese organization, which has locals in each of the three fishing districts, it was believed that prices if and when offered by the Government, would be accepted.

At the conference, fishermen, it is understood, asked for prices higher than last year to offset the increased cost of gear and rising cost of living. Packers similarly want higher prices because of increased cost of production. It is expected that price negotiations will continue as between packers and fishermen.

An announcement concerning the situation is expected from Ottawa early this month.

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Town Topics . . .

● **Scribblers' Circle.**

The Nisei Scribblers will have the opportunity of meeting a writer in the flesh in the person of Mr. Roy Evans, M.A., who will be guest speaker at the monthly meeting, to be held May 3, commencing at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. Kitagawa, 2751 East Pender St.

Mr. Evans is at present working on a Nisei Novel, "This Our Country Too". All members are requested to be on time.

● **Thespians on Tour.**

The cast of "Heaven on Earth", the prize-winning Y.P.S. comedy, together with members of the Nisei Players Club, will travel north on Saturday, May 3, to "strut and fret" before Woodfibre young people.

The proceeds from the presentation will be donated to Woodfibre's Red Cross Fund.

The thespians will be accompanied by Rev. K. Shimizu.

● **At Home.**

Continuing their post-nuptial entertaining, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ouchi, nee Chiba, will be at home to a number of friends at their apartment at Arden Hall on Thursday and Sunday evenings.

● **Red Cross Work Night.**

Needles will click and sewing machines will whirl a merry tune when the Red Cross Girls meet at their workroom at the Tairiku Hall on Thursday, May 8, to do their bit for soldiers "over there".

● **Nisei Christian Fellowship.**

Members of the Nisei Christian Fellowship will come together for their last session until the fall at the Maple Ridge Baptist Church in Haney on Saturday, May 3, at 8:00 p.m.

● **Visiting in the City.**

A trio of Nisei visitors were seen around Vancouver during the week. And all Vancouver Islanders too! Welcome, Cossy Asada from Paldi, Tim Sumida from Deep Bay, and Masao Kuwabara from Victoria!

● **Mother and Daughter Night.**

One Tuesday evening, May 6, at 8:00 p.m., the Friendship Circle will hold a Mother and Daughter night. An interesting program including musical numbers, games and refreshments, has been planned.

● **Teacher Returns.**

Among the extensive list of passengers disembarking from the M.S. Hikawa Maru Tuesday, was Miss Kayou Ochiai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ouchi, who graduated recently from Normal School in Shiga-ken.

Miss Ochiai has joined the staff of the Alexander Japanese Language School, thus raising the number of Nisei now teaching in this school to five.

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3—Nisei Christian Fellowship, Maple Ridge Baptist Church, Haney 8.00 p.m.
3—Scribblers' Circle. Home of Mrs. E. Kitagawa, 2751 East Pender St., 8.15 p.m.
4—Junior Church Student Service, Powell United Church, 7.30 p.m.
6—Friendship Circle. Mother and Daughter Night, 8.00 p.m.
8—Nisei Players. Carleton Clay's Studio, 8.15 p.m.
8—Red Cross Work Night, Tairiku Hall.
11—Mother's Day.
22—Red Cross Buffet Supper, Home of Mrs. E. Kitagawa, 2751 E. Pender St., 5-8 p.m. 25c.
23—Fuji Ski Club Hop. White Rose Ballroom. Royal Ambassadors. Dancing from 9 to 1 a.m. Tickets, $1.00 a couple.

Student Service

A special invitation is extended to all University students to attend the annual Junior Church Student Service to be held next Sunday, May 4, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Powell United Church. The graduates of '41 are special guests.

Rev. K. Shimizu will preach on "Living up to our Privilege". The soloist for the evening will be Miss Mariko Uyeda, and the choir will render a suitable anthem. Tea will be served at the fellowship hour to be held immediately after the service in the adjoining School Hall.

Whirligig

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the library steps winged back on four years of laughter, struggle and study.

"Yeh, I wouldn't have missed it for the world"! added Matt solmnly. "Hell, what if we have to dig ditches, no on'es gonna take all this away from us! Say Kiyo, let's go to the Ball tonight. Yosh, you can ask Aki. This is the last night."

"I'd love to, Matt—and let's make memory tonight—the three of us", said Kiyo.

And the three went down the steps to become a part of the milling throng.

"Bussei, Carry On!

National Meet Impresses Localites

By Kiyoshi Suga.

Under the inspiring theme "Bussei, Carry On", over 800 delegates from points all along the Pacific Coast, from Vancouver, Canada, in the north, to as far south as Brawley, California, near the Mexican border, gathered in Seattle last week from April 25-27 to hold a most successful national convention of the National Buddhist Federation of America.

Right from the opening flag-raising ceremony to the parting minutes following the Sayonara Banquet, the three hectic days of the confab were chockfull of excitement and interest.

Many problems confronting the Niseis of today were discussed in three separate panel discussions: (1) "Toward Better Living" (Women's group); (2) "Nisei Working World" (Men's group); and (3) "Buddhists, In Name Only"? The latter was held in the form of a modified panel and town hall meeting, using the method of "questions and answers", between the chairman and panel members with the audience joining in at the conclusion.

Some of the distinguished speakers during the three-day confab were Mayor Earl Millikin, of Seattle; Mrs. F. Powell, President of the Seattle City Council; Rev. Sunya N. Pratt, of Tacoma, first "white" priestess to be ordained in America; Bishop Matsukage, San Francisco, and the Rev. K. Kumata, Nisei priest from Los Angeles.

Highlights and sidelights of the confab . . . . the beautiful cup, awarded to the league (Cal. or Northwest) making the best combined showing in the Japanese and English **oratorical contests**, will be held jointly by the Cal. League and the Northwest League for two years, as a result of the **tie** created when California placed one, two in the Japanese section, and the Northwest reversed the decision in the English contest . . . . one thing that impressed the Van. delegates deeply was the feeling of **co-operation** and understanding that seemed to exist between the Bukkyokai, Fujinkai and the Lotus Seinenkai of Seattle in their efforts to put the confab over . . . . the semi-formal dinner dance held at the huge Civic Auditorium was the **social highlight** of the parley. Table arrangements were made in such a way that facing the head table in a "U" formation were 60 to 70 tables each seating ten persons, with a Seattle host and hostess at each table . . . . dancing to the tune of Ray Jones and his Orchestra, considered the top band in Seattle . . . . the **hospitality** of the Seattle hosts was really tops . . . . the two hour **sight-seeing trip** on Sunday was one long caravan of cars, with 5 chartered buses leading the way and the tens of private cars following in one long line . . . . the most inspiring talk was the keynote address delivered by Rev. Kumata, the Nisei priest, at the Saturday night banquet.

"Nisei You Should Know"

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nearly every office in the society, except the presidency itself. He operate the school public addrss system, although you'll rarely hear him blowing over it. He works tirelessly backstage with props and curtains, but rarely in the spotlight up in front. He appears time and again in Japanese plays in supporting roles; but rarely as the star.

In fact he's one of the most relible and experienced performers on the stage in Niseiville. Whatever the role, tear-filled tragedy or slap-happy comedy, he enters into the full spirit of the thing; and those who have worked with him appreciate how sensitive his interpretations are.

In music his taste is catholic, although it finds expression mostly in swing sessions in the workshop of his store, which, in passing ;the rendezvous for a motley throng of Nisei day by day. He confesses to a weakness for sentimental swing, which he attributes to the emotional nature of the average Nisei. "If we're Japanese at heart", sighs he, "we like to have tears in our eyes".

BUT when it comes to business, "Mat" believes that's another question. As he sees it, the most important problem facing the Nisei is to build a sounder economic future by cashing in on every possible opportunity. "We have to get into our own business, whatever it is, and really work hard to make it successful. That's the only possible future for the Nisei, he believes. And in business, just as in sport, relations with Canadians will do much to wipe out prejudice and iron out differences. That's a field in which we've only begun to scratch the surface, he says, and he's convinced that if we get down to work in that we will go a long way to solving many of our problems.

And that's Yoshio "Mat" Matsui, a home-town boy, but an athlete, an organizer, a technician, an executive officer, an emotional actor, but in all things a worker.

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Coombs Courier

Kids Happy as Epidemic Closes School

By Staff Correspondent

Easter holidays have come and gone for the school children of Coombs. But today they are starting on a pre-summer vacation (or should I say summer vacation, due to the summer weather we are having) of an indefinite period due to an epidemic of whooping cough sweeping this district. Taking advantage of the holidays the little urchins are falling early into the steps of Izaak Walton. Reminiscences of the country lad are brought to the mind as they walk barefooted, with an old tin can full of wriggly, slimy, slippery worms in one hand and a willow pole with a short piece of string and hook clutched in the other to fish in the little babbling brook by the camp.

Baseball . . .

The Cameron Lake Logging baseball team in their initial invasion of Mayo on the 20th, returned on the short end of a 10-9 score. They enjoyed the game immensely and especially the after-game treat supplied by Mr. Mayo Singh and the Mayo team. Thank you Mr. Singh and the team.

On the 4th of May, the team is to be host to the strong Hillcrest nine at Qualicum Recreation Park.

From Here and There . . .

Mr. S. Sasaki, manager of the Cameron Lake Logging Co., and his wife, were recent visitors to Coombs from Vancouver, on a holiday.

Miss Ayami Tsuruoka and brother, of Cumberland, were recent guests of the Motokados.

From far away Maple Creek, Sask., Miss Bertha Kazlo has recently arrived for a month's vacation, visiting her brother, Mr. Alex Kazlo, of the Cameron Lake Logging. She will return to Moose Jaw shortly to take up training in the hospital. This "prairie chicken" (as she calls herself), is so impressed by the beautiful scenery, majestic forest, magnificent lakes and streams, that she hates to leave. Paging the Provincial Tourist Bureau.

Bishop Aoki, of the Buddhist Church in Vancouver, paid a recent visit here and held an audience spellbound for over 3 hours with his magnificent oratory.

Mr. Tsuyuki, of the Shinosha, was up on the 23rd and 27th to put on a show in the Hall. His splendid films brought tears to many eyes as tragedies, pathos and comedies were unfolded.

Mr. Y. Fuchihara has returned from a short stay in Nippon. His talks of his trip are being heartly enjoyed by the young people, especially his "donkey crew". Ask G. Y. and M. about it.

The Stork . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hawkins, of the Cameron Lake Logging, was presented with a bouncing baby boy last week in the West Coast Hospital, Alberni.

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Haney JCCL To Hold Wind-up Social

HANEY.—A really enjoyable time is promised to one and all Saturday evening, May 10, at the Haney Hall, when members of the Maple Ridge Chapter of the J. C. C. L. get together for one last fling before the farming grind hits them with full force this spring.

Genial Archie Nakano will direct the wind-up social, with games and dancing that promises fun and frolic for everyone. A fee of only 15c will be collected, and all members are asked to turn out.

Rainy City Citings

Nisei Orchestra Scores Concert Hit

By Y. H.

OCEAN FALLS.—The local community turned out en masse April 20 to hear and see the third performance of Hutsuo Yamamoto's Nisei orchestra and other local guest stars in a special Easter Concert. The orchestra, which has yet to pass its first birthday, proved to be the highlight of the evening's program with its interpretation of recent popular hits.

It was but a few months ago that the boys became organized, and judging from this last performance, they are rounding into very fine fettle. Featured on the saxes are Tu... Moriyama and Kaz Nakamoto; Yosh Sugimura and John Tsuchiya handle the clarinet section; Harry Ikeda manages the percussion department; Ikeda Nakashima accompanies the boys at the piano; and Maestro Yamamoto himself plucks a mean guitar.

"Orchids" to the orchestra for the initiative they have shown. Niseiville will be watching your progress and looking forward possibly to a barnstorming tour in the near future.

Back to the Concert Hall once again.

The remainder of the program consisted of musical numbers rendered by lone members of the male section and girls from the two Girls' Clubs. It's true that all these artists made a fine contribution to the evening's program, but space does not permit listing them all here. But to do justice to "Kuse" Iwasaki and M. Oyama, special mention should be made of the duo for their highly entertaining offerings which were enthusiastically received by the audience.

The program was topped off by a fine piece of mike manipulating by Master of Ceremonies Wes Fujiwara.

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Riverside JCCL Plans Annual Jaunt

By "CHATTER"

Riverside J.C.C.L. Picnic . . .

A beautiful warm day and then an enchanting moonlit night—such is to be the setting in Stanley Park when the members of the Delta-East Richmond-Surrey chapter go off on their fifth annual picnic.

Yes Sir!—folks! The date for the colossal occasion is definitely settled as May 10, Saturday, except in case of rain. The time, 8:30 a.m. sharp, when we will board our chartered school busses from the New Westminster B. C. Electric depot.

The fee is not yet settled, but this correspondent is assured that it will not be more than 40c per person.

Anyone wanting to join our crowd for a day of gaiety and laughter please make your reservations before May 5 with any of the members of our chapter.

Remember, folks, the deadline is the 5th of May, and . . .

"Bonnie Las" in Test Run . . .

The "Bonnie Lass", Tom Oikawa's 32-foot gillnetter, powered by an 80 horsepower V8 engine, with the last word in streamlining added to it, was launched April 27, and made its first test run.

As the throttle was pushed to three-quarter speed, the "Bonnie Lass", with the keel in the bow showing and the stern in deep, skimmed up and down the Fraser River like a shark swimming with its fin breaking thesurface.

No one as yet has seen the "Bonnie Lass" in ful speed, but I think it will be one of the fastest on these waters. No wonder the skipper wears a satisfied grin these days.

Sports Centre . . .

The first of a series of games for the hard-hitting Riversiders went to Taiiku Giants last Sunday at Queenborough Park by a close 4-3 call.

The local nine, though set back a little, hope to wipe the slate clean when they go into action with the team at full strength.

Rumours are that a "B" team will also be organized. Come on out you ball players, get into circulation again and see if you can't give the present squad a good workout.

Ganges Gleanings

By Staff Correspondent.

The Salt Spring Island Consolidated School is sponsoring a bazaar for the Red Cross, on May 14. The Students of the school are busy doing little jobs in the Industrial Arts and Home Economics Room. All donations will be greatly appreciated by the Donations Committee. There will also be a Tea-Social. We hope to see all your young people who haven't been turning up, to come if you can spare the time.

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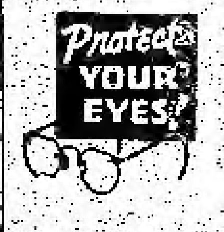

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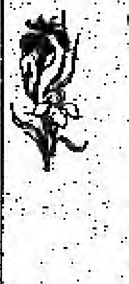
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Englewood Edgings

ENGLEWOOD. — Opening the softball season here, the Japanese All Stars on April 20 travelled to Malcolm Island to play the Sointula Athletic Club. Englewood Beavers marked up an early lead, 7-1, but the slugging Sointula boys suddenly came to life half way through the game. In a free hitting wind-up, the Sointula team emerged victors, 17-15.

On the same day, Englewood's community team dropped a close feature, 10-8, to Alert Bay.

Last Saturday the Japanese House League opened. Kawasaki on the mound for the Aces turned in errorless ball, striking out 5, and yielding up only 3 runs. Angels' pitcher, Lefty Nakamura, h o w e v e r, was touched for 5 hits and 7 runs.

Jimmy Maeda's two-bagger was the hitting feature of the game, which, being the first, was very spotty at times. Everyone is looking forward to a better brand of ball as the season progresses.

Capital City Chatter

The regular monthly meeting of the Taiyo Club was held on Friday, April 25th, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. M. Kawasoe.

Two speakers who were heard during the evening were Thomas Kuwabara speaking on "When Germany Conquered France", and Harold Kawasoe, on "Can British Ships Last This War"?

Three members were chosen to prepare speeches for the May meeting; these being Tsutomu Shimizu, Mitsuo Kawaso and Muss Okamoto.

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Vagaries: At long last, four l o c a l mermans (?) have "broken the ice", so to speak—from what we've been able to gather, it seems that it took them plenty of time to get into the water after getting their tootsies wet . . . Some bright young thing says that she thinks that the coming Nisei confab has all the earmarks of being an all-girl affair—???

SKI TRAILS

Sunday last, six ski "bugs", Tom, Ray, Bob, Taki, Sam and Bus, piled into Bob's "skil special", and took in what may really be the final skiing on the popular North Shore playground. The snow post at Dam Mountain registered six feet, a drop of two in a week. The snow was sluggish but the steep slope compensated for the handicap, and the pranksters, revelled in the last snow of the winter, perfecting stem-christi, flush-gates, and looking for each other's faults.

Highlight of the day was on the 35-foot jump, where Bob, Sam and Ray were "properly" initiated in this branch of ski-flying. Our ever-ready handy man and ace cameraman, Takasaki, shone as the competent judge and the course keeper.

Three Sundays ago, five "hikers" of the club at last made the much talked-about trip to Mt. Seymour. As foreseen they met a long, tiresome hike, but were more than rewarded with smooth treeless hills of every description—the haven of skiers and the Mt. Baker of B. C. The boys took full advantage of conditions and came home dead tired and well-burnt from sun, snow and wind.

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The full executive committee for the year will be as follows: Bus Oheri, president; Ray Takeuchi, vice-president; Ham Hagino, secretary; Masaru Takasaki, treasurer; Bill Yasui, assistant treasurer; Sho Miyanishi, cabin manager; Kaichi Nagata, assistant manager; Mary Shimizu and Dave Yamaoka, social; Tom Hatanaka, publicity.

Sam Hagino, in charge of the 7th annual raffle, reports that all tickets have been distributed and from all indications public response to our once-a-year appeal is better than ever.

To all dance fans, remember the ated of our 7th annual Wind-up Dance on May 23 at White Rose. It's the night before the big holiday, when Fuji skiers can really go to town without having to think of the strenuous day ahead. So join us to end the year right. Young and old, in and out of town, everybody is welcome.

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Kits Crack up; Give Farmers 13-6 Verdict

In the only Bussei Baseball game last Sunday, the husky Farmers from Hammond walloped the offerings of Kitsilano Bussei chucker B. Yoshida for 12 bunched hits to coast to a 13-6 triumph.

A two-run homer by shortstop T. Tehara in the 2nd inning gave the Kitsies their first lead 2-0. In the following frame, fleet-footed lead-off man, Obashi reached home on Yamada's single giving the Kitsies a momentary 3-0 lead to work on.

It was the seventh and eighth frame that really proved disastrous for the Kitsies as three errors and 2 singles drove in 5 runs for the visitors. The eighth was all for Hammond, as the Kitsilano defence crumbled and the Farmers pushed over 7 runs to waltz in easy victors.

Frank Hoshizaki twirling for Hammond, chucked a 5 hit game, and was only in trouble once. His only bad inning was the seventh when Kitsilano pushed across three runs off 1 hit, 2 errors and 2 walks.

G. Hoshizaki, Y. Hoshizaki and Kusano hit doubles for Hammond, while T. Tehara cracked out a homer for Kitsilano's only extra base hit.

Sunday Ball Loop

Maikawa Vets No Match For Unions

Last year's pennant winners, Union Fish, recorded their initial victory last Sunday at the expense of the former Giants, now playing under the green and gold colors of T. Maikawa. Union Fish had a field day at the plate, blasting three Maikawa chuckers for 16 hits, including 5 extra base blows. Union's star chucker, Sawayama, although wobbly in spots, scattered 9 hits to hang up his first win by a 12-7 margin.

Sandy Stein's men shoved across the winning markers in the 6th with an error, a walk, and a sharp single by cleanup man George Suzuki accounting for two runs.

Maikawa's big frame was the 4th when Sawayama weakened, and singles by Misumi and Shiraishi together with 3 successive free passes yielded 4 tallies.

Kumano Comes Back

In the 7th, Pansy Fujioka, Maikawa's one and only hurler, was blasted off the mound, when Akiyama homered and a single and double by Toyota and Sawayama followed. Saito, an ex-Cumberlander, relieved, but was wild and Unions scored twice more. Veteran Roy Kumano entered the game at this stage with the bases loaded and subdued the Union Sluggers, giving only one single and striking out 5 in the remaining two and one-third innings.

Union sluggers Yanagizawa tripled and singled twice in five times at bat. Akiyama hit the only round tripper and also had two singles in five times.

Maikawa's highlight in their debut was Kiyoshi Misumi, Hompa's star, who hit two sharp singles and played a dandy game at the hot corner. Fleetfooted Shiraishi stole five bases and singled three times.

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Nippon Golfers To Shoot For Balls Sunday

Nippon Golfers will clash this Sunday at Langara in the first of the season's straight Ball Tournaments, with three divisions being organized. At stake will be two dozen balls donated by T. Maikawa Stores, and a dozen from the club. Low handicappers will play in Section A, medium handicappers in B, the dubs in C.

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40 out and 40 in for a net 1-over was good enough for Jackson Katsukawa, Northwest kingpin, to carry off the Oka trophy in his playoff last Sunday with D. Ito. Ito, sporting and 18-handicap, carded a ruinous 50 on the first nine, winding up with a gross 95.

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Mickey Maikawa and D. Kishimoto will go another 18 holes this Sunday to settle once and for all who gets the Uchiyama trophy for the consul's welcome tourney. Kishimoto carded 92 less 18, and Maikawa an 84 less 11 for net two-over par.

Kyuhins Cleaning Up Intercity Loop

It looks as if the Kitsilano Kyuhins are heading straight for their second straight Intercity championship with a minimum of trouble. Last Sunday at Woodland Park the Kitsilano boys handed out an 11-3 drubbing to the New Westminster Taiikus for their second win in the same number of games.

Mikados, who took a 12-4 shellacking from Kitsilano last week, finally hit the win column last Sunday by nosing out the strong Steveston Fujis 5-4 at Steveston.

Tippy Fukumoto and Mossey Sugie shared mound duties for the Miks and pulled through with only 5 hits between them. Tanino performed the route for Steveston and was touched for 7 hits that came in pinches.

Taiiku chucker Tanaka started off wobbly, allowing four bingles in the first inning for four runs. He hit the groove and pitched good ball again until the fifth when a 5-hit barrage, including a homer by D. Matsumoto and a two-ply wallop by M. Kanno spoilt the day for New Westminer as Kitsilano pushed across 7 runs.

Katakami, Akazawa and Murayama were the only ones that could touch chuckers Nagai and Sumi for safeties.

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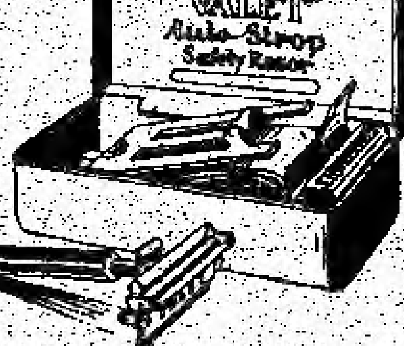

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Asahis Meet Pats As Revamped Burrard Loop Opens Saturday

● Sport SPOTLITE

"Rosie" Okuda, manager of T. Maikawa Stores, is in need of a chucker. That is quoted, of course, with apologies to Roy Kumano, who, shall we say, chucked a whale of a game as a relief chucker. "Pansy" Fred Fujioka, alas, poor fellow, received the most discouraging ovation on his first opener. In fact he had a tough time dodging the hard hit balls that came whizzing off the Union Fish bludgeons. Saito, a lad from manager Okuda's home town, a chucker of some finesse some three years ago back in Cumberland, was Maikawa's ace in the hole,—so Rosie thought. But the poor fellow was so wild and erratic that they had to yank him out pronto!

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Baseball reaches its high spot this Saturday night when the Asahis start their 1941 Burrard League campaign, and it looks as if the Nipponese reps will have to be content with the players they had last year, minus Nag Nishihara and Frank Shiraishi. By the way, what's the matter with these guys anyways. Just when the Asahis really need them they won't come out. Frank Shiraishi's excuse couldn't be that he's quitting baseball, because he plays regularly on Sunday's for Maikawas. Something fishy somewhere.

Manager Yamamura has been scouting around for promising rookies but there is nary one in the Japanese League or any other league that he would give a second glance. It's strange that among so many Nisei ball players, not one can make the grade. After all Roy Yamamura, George Shishido, Kaz Suga, Mike Maruno and many other old-timers broke in when they were still in their teens.

Baseball in our community has really hit a slump, and if something radical isn't done about it real soon, the situation will get steadily worse. That is why I think this baseball school that Kaz Suga and Mike Maruno have started is something worthwhile,—a venture that should be given every possible support by other seasoned veterans who can extend their knowledge of inside baseball to these up-and-coming ball players. Teach the kids now and in a couple of year we'll have results that we won't regret. Out of this crew of youngsters there certainly must be some hidden baseball talent that if fostered carefully and given special training will blossom out into big league stuff.

Asahis have made a great name for themselves and have won the respect of many Occidentals for the community at large. We ought to maintain this record for many, many years to come.

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Golf has certainly taken a strangle-hold on the younger set. No longer is the game confined to bulgy business men and retired ball players, but regularly on Saturdays and Sundays you'll find the younger bunch digging and replacing divots at Hastings working in a roundabout way to the fluttering flag.

Sporting new clubs last weekend were Yosh Uno and Mike Goromaru. So keen a golf-bug has Yosh become that he buys a monthly ticket and tells this writer that he'll golf every day after work. Joe Mizuhara, that bulgy fellow down the street, is also taking up golf to take off some of his excess luggage. I'm still wondering though how the dickens he's going to get around the course with just a bag, a drive and a putter. Let us know how you do it Miz!

MOW 'EM DOWN, KAZ!

KAZ SUGA

Big League Baseball School Operating

Baseball in our community has steadily been going downhill, mainly because of the lack of interest shown by the younger kids. And it is with this in mind that Kaz Suga and Mike Maruno, Asahi stars, have harped on the bright idea of a baseball school for these kids. It does sound a bit like big time stuff, but this is the golden opportunity that the kids have been looking for, and they should take advantage of what Kaz and Mike have to show them.

Last Sunday the school held its first workout from 8:30 in the morning and needless to say Kaz and Mike were well pleased with the response and the promising material they had to work on. Close to 30 boys turned out and it is expected that this Sunday's turnout will be bigger still.

Kaz Suga, Mike Maruno and Yuki Uno will be the coaches, so come out kids and learn from these stars. If it can be arranged later the directors would like to form about a 4 team league.

Don't forget 8:30, Sunday morning.

Kaz Suga Will Shoulder Hurling Duties

The lid of the Senior Amateur Burrard League officially blows wide open Saturday at 5 o'clock, at Powell Grounds when Niho-machi's pride, the Asahis, play the opener against the greatly strengthened Patricia Hotel.

The Asahis are certainly headed for a tough schedule with most of the top-notch city leaguers switching their stamping grounds from Athletic Park to Powell Grounds, and ball fans are going to be able to witness a brand of ball that is really going to be different from that of last year.

The five teams in the loop are the Asahis, manager Roy Yamamura; Patricia Hotel, manager George Patton; Angelus Hotel, Coley Hall; Diethers, Ed Henry; and the fifth team at present known as North Shore, will be managed by Jack Maveety, an ex-Shore player.

The Line-up

With Nag Nishihara and Frank Shiraishi still holding out for retirement, the Asahis are in for some bad weather with no capable rookies to fill their places. The tentative lineup announced by manager Roy Yamamura is: Pitcher Kaz Suga; catcher, Ken Kutsukake; first, Yuki Uno, 2nd, Roy Yamamura; 3b, Mike Maruno; ss, George Shishido; lf, Otto Yanagizawa; cf, Eddie Nakamura; rf, Koei Mitsui. Substitute pitchers are Duke Kusano, Tommy Sawayama and George Yoshinaka. Chuck Terada and Kay Kaminishi will fill substitute infield positions.

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3—Sat., Asahis vs. Patricia.
8—Thurs., Asahis vs. Angelus.
10—Sat., North S. vs. Asahis.
14—Wed., Diethers vs. Asahis.
17—Sat., Patricia vs. Asahis.
21—Wed., [illegible] vs. Asahis.
27—Tues., Asahis vs. North S.
30—Fri., Asahis vs. Diethers.

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Safety Garage	2	7

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	W	L
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New Pier Cafe	5	4
Harry's	5	4
Modiste	4	5
Empress Cafe	4	5
Union Fish	3	6
Powell Bakery	1	8

Kegling enthusiasm in the community reached an all time high pitch last night as the Y. J. C. Mixed 5 Pin Bowling League swung into its third week at the Commodore Bowling Alleys.

Two drastic changes featured the evening which was marked by many high scores. T. Ono of Burrard Bakery, shattered Sho Okawara's former single game record by 22 pins, rolling a 337 in a single game.

The other change in the individual honors was Kay Uyeno's three game total, which was surpassed by Miss Rosie Kinoshita who bowled a 239, 186 and 144 for an aggregate total of 569, 39 pins better than that of Kay's record.

The results of last nights games are— Shibuya (750, 810, 897), Nippon Auto (946, 713, 817), Burrard Bakery (841, 792, 877), Powell Bakery (918, 669, 837), Modiste (793, 776, 835), New Pier Cafe (926, 732, 816), Powell Drug (865, 930, 891), M. & N. (810, 893, 890), Union Fish (826, 901, 830), Continental News (931, 926, 935), Empress Cafe (845, 867, 941), Harry's (851, 843, 899), Safety Garage (780, 806, 918), Fuji Chop Suey (825, 718, 720), Yamato Silk (842, 891, 791), Singers (967, 810, 781).

Handicaps—Nippon Auto (2), Burrard Bakery (6), Modiste (60), M. & N. (46), Continental (89), Empress (53), Safety Garage (15), Singers (19).

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